

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR SURROGATES FOR THE WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT ON MALARIA

- Defeating malaria is an urgent calling and an achievable goal.
- Malaria – a completely preventable and treatable disease – kills a child in Africa every 30 seconds. Yet for less than \$10, individuals can purchase a bednet that can help save the life of child in Africa.
- On December 14, 2006 in Washington, DC, President and Mrs. Bush are hosting a White House Summit on Malaria to bring together international experts, corporations and foundations, African civic leaders, and faith-based organizations to raise awareness of the issue of malaria, and to mobilize a grassroots effort to save millions of lives in Africa and give African children the gift of growing up.
- President and Mrs. Bush are committed to helping the people of Africa. In June 2005, President Bush announced the President's Malaria Initiative.
- The President's Malaria Initiative is a five-year, \$1.2 billion program that challenges the private sector to join the U.S. Government in combating malaria in 15 of the hardest-hit countries. The initiative aims to cut malaria-related deaths by 50 percent in these 15 focus countries in Africa.
- The Summit will also highlight the multilateral institutions, international partners, and private sector organizations at work in the fight against malaria, including Malaria No More, which is helping to mobilize new private sector support.
- Malaria No More is a non-profit organization which is challenging America's corporations and foundations, non-governmental and non-profit organizations, individuals and America's young people to save lives and build a bridge between peoples.
- Examples of Grassroots Efforts:
 - A group of elementary and middle school students in Washington have made Malaria No More a focus of their learning and charity for the 2006-2007 school term. The older students researched facts about malaria in their science classes, learned about Sub-Saharan Africa in their social studies classes, wrote grade-specific lesson plans for grades K-6, and taught younger students about malaria and the need for bednets in Africa.
 - Middle school and high school student council groups can organize brainstorming sessions on ways to raise awareness about malaria and support for bednets, and then implement those project ideas at their school.

- University students can hold town hall meetings, parties, concerts, and other events to raise support for bednets through Malaria No More.
- We hope that others will join us in these efforts. One American with just \$10 can help save a life in Africa. A school, a church, or a team can save a village. Together, Americans can help protect an entire continent.